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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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1. ☒ Fee (Authority to charge deposit account below.)
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 71]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications (if needed)
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D (if needed)
 - Reference to Microfiche Appendix (if filed)
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 1]
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 2]
- a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 14 completed)
 - i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTORS**
Signed Statement below at 15 deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. ☒ Incorporation by Reference (useable if Box 4b is checked)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
- a. ☒ Computer Readable Copy
 - b. ☒ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy) (from parent case)
 - c. ☒ Statement verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

8. ☐ Power of Attorney
9. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Cover Letter plus PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
10. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
11. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
12. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
13. ☒ Other: Declaration under Budapest Treaty and ATCC receipt

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☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior Application No.: 08/982,783

15. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) STATEMENT:** This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b), the Assistant Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application:
16. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
-- This is a division of Application No. 08/982,783 filed December 3, 1997, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 08/968,418, filed 12 November 1997, claiming priority to U.S. provisional Application No. 60/030,602, filed 13 November 1996. --
17. ☒ Cancel in this application original claims 17-20 of the prior application before calculating the filing leaving claims 1-16 and new claim 21 is added. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
18. ☐ Priority of foreign Application No. _____ filed on _____ in _____
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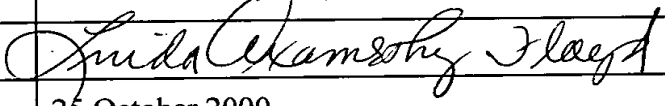
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